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SUBJECT: LOS-CONSULTATIONS WITH IRELAND

1. OXMAN AND EMBOFF MET MAY 3 WITH IRISH LOS DELEGATION.  
AMBASSADOR JOINED GROUP FOR WORKING LUNCH. IRISH DEL WAS  
LED BY AMB CON CREMIN.

2. TERRITORIAL SEA.

IRELAND SUPPORTS 12 MILE MAXIMUM LIMIT, BUT IS NOT TERRIBLY  
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA. THEY WONDERED  
WHETHER STICKING TO 3-MILE LIMIT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER, AS LONG  
AS THERE WAS BROAD RESOURCE JURISDICTION, AND NOTED THIS WOULD  
ALSO SOLVE STRAITS PROBLEM.

3. STRAITS.

IRELAND SUPPORTS "LIBERAL" REGIME OF TRANSIT. THEY INQUIRED  
AS TO OUR REACTION TO UK ARTICLES. WE EXPLAINED OUT DIFFICUL-  
TIES WITH LANGUAGE ON INNOCENT PASSAGE AND WITH COASTAL STATE  
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REGULATORY POWER. THEY SAID UK HAD TOLD THEM THE ARTICLES WERE

BEING REVISED.

4. SEABED RESOURCES.

TWO-HUNDRED-MILE LIMIT EMBRACES ALL AREAS IRELAND INTERESTED IN. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SMALL-ISLAND PROBLEM IN LIGHT UK CLAIM OVER ROCKALL. WE ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THEM THAT DETAILED RESOLUTION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY ISSUE BETWEEN NEIGHBORING STATES WAS PROBABLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH WIDELY RATIFIED LOS TREATY.

5. FISHERIES.

IRISH SEEM TO FAVOR CONSERVATION AND FULL UTILIZATION OBLIGATIONS, AND SAW SOME VIRTUE IN CONSERVATION REGULATION BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY FELT NEAF WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN ICNAF. SALMON ACCOUNTS FOR 25 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THEIR COMMERCIAL FISH LANDINGS, AND IS IN ADDITION AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THEIR TOURIST TRADE. THEY SUPPORT OUR SALMON POSITION AND GAVE US THE FOLLOWING EXT ON SALMON, WHICH APPEARS TO BE AN EXCERPT FROM THEIR PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS:

"(I) THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AT THEIR MAXIMUM LEVEL OF THE STOCKS OF ANADROMOUS FISH SHALL LIE WITH THE STATE OF ORIGIN OF THOSE FISH.

"(II) THE RIGHT OF EXPLOITATION OF STOCKS OF ANADROMOUS FISH SHALL BE EXERCISED ONLY WITHIN THE FISHERY LIMITS OF COASTAL STATES AND SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE PRESCRIBED BY THE APPROPRIATE SECTORIAL ORGANIZATION.

"(III) THE RIGHT OF EXPLOITATION OF FISH BELONGING TO ANADROMOUS SPECIES WHICH IN GENERAL REMAIN IN THE INTERNAL WATERS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN UNTIL THE SECOND YEAR FOLLOWING SPAWNING SHALL, IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, BE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE STATE OF ORIGIN OF SUCH FISH."

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ANALYZE LANGUAGE AND PASS REACTIONS BACK TO GOI BEFORE CONFERENCE. WE EXPLAINED THAT INCREASED GOI ACTIVITY  
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ON SALMON ISSUE COULD BE VERY USEFUL, SINCE JAPAN IS ATTEMPTING TO PORTRAY THE ISSUE AS BASICALLY AFFECTING ONLY THE BIG POWERS.

WE WERE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN OUR TUNA POSITION.

6. RESOURCES.

STAVROPOULOS GAVE THEM A COPY OF COUMENT WHICH EMERGED FROM

COASTAL STATE CONSULTATIONS IN ENEVA IN JANUARY. THEY PASSED COPY TO US, WHICH OXMAN IS CARRYING TO LONDON. IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE A COPY, WE WILL POUCH IT FROM LONDON. IRISH UNDERSTAND THAT THE BIG PROBLEM IN GENEVA WAS THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES.

7. DEEP SEABEDS.

THERE WAS NO REACTION TO OUR PRESENTATION.

8. DISPUTE SETTLEMNT.

AMBASSADOR CREMIN PASSED OVER THIS, SAYING US POSITION IS CLEAR.

9. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION.

THEY APPEAR SYMPATHETIC TO OUR ARGUMENTS ON CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, BUT LESS SO WITH RESPECT TO DISCUSSIONS ON DISCHARGES AND GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF COASTAL STATE AUTHORITY. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE TREATY CAN SAY THAT EXCEPT FOR THE RIGHTS GIVEN TO THE COASTAL STATE IN AN ECONOMIC ZONE, THE AREA IS HIGH SEAS, AND THAT THIS WILL PROTECT NAVIGATION.

11. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

GOI DESIRES COASTAL STATE CONSENT REGIME. WITH MORE HEAT THAN SHOWN ON OTHER ISSUES, THEY SAID THAT IN 1967 THE US NAVY CONDUCTED RESEARCH ON THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF. THEY DID NOT LEARN ABOUT IT UNTIL SEVERAL YEARS LATER WHEN SOME SAILORS "CAME HOME," AND THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING DATA.

FURTHER REMARKS REPORTED SEPTEL.

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12. COMMENT: GOI HAD READ OUR POSITION PAPERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY AND BASICALLY REGARDED MEETING AS CHANCE TO CLARIFY US POSITION. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET VERY MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING GOI POSITION, WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.

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